

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3154 - SB 3452

February 28, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a child who is 17 years of age to petition the court for continuation of foster care until the age of 19.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,874,800

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), there are approximately 800 youths between the ages of 18 and 21 who qualify for federally funded post-custody services, of this amount approximately 400, or 50 percent, choose to receive available post custody services.
- DCS estimates that there are 400 youths who do not currently qualify for post custody services.
- The provisions of this bill will require the Department to provide post custody services to any of the 400 non-qualifying youths who request them. The services provided to these individuals will be state funded.
- Applying the percentage of qualifying youths who request the services to the non-qualifying youths, it is estimated that there will be approximately 200 ($400 \times .50$) additional youths who will receive post custody services.
- The additional post-custody services will result in 365 days of state custody. For each additional day there will be an approximate increase of \$108 in expenditures per child. Such will increase state expenditures by \$7,884,000 ($200 \text{ cases} \times 365 \text{ days} \times \108 per day).
- The Department of Children's Services will need 14 additional case managers and three additional team leaders which are estimated to increase state expenditures by \$990,810, including \$803,810 for salary and benefits and \$187,000 for communication, computer, travel and other expenses.

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- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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